

LEGISLATION AFFECTING CIAI. Right of Privacy

H. R. 16373
S. 3418

Grants individuals right of access to
Government records concerning them.

STATUS: Both bills calendared for floor vote after recess.

EFFECT ON CIA:

CIA is effectively exempted from the provisions of H. R. 16373 except for rule making provision in Title 5. Committee staff would consider legislative history in conference report to take care of problem. Senator Ervin and Committee staff still have under consideration Agency request for exemption to S. 3418 similar to Agency position on H. R. 16373. Decision is up to Senator Ervin as to whether he will accept our recommendations and amend S. 3418 before it is voted on by the Senate.

II. Amendments to Freedom of Information Act

H. R. 12471

Amends Freedom of Information Act
specifically overruling Patsy Mink case.

STATUS: President vetoed. Vote on veto scheduled in first week after recess.

EFFECT ON CIA:

A court could order the public disclosure of sensitive CIA classified information overruling a decision of the DCI.

III. Congressional Oversight

S. 4019 (Baker/Weicker)

Creates a Joint Committee on Intelligence
to oversee the CIA and other departments
and agencies of the intelligence community.

STATUS: Before Committee on Government Operations. Hearings are planned after Congress reconvenes. It is very probable the Director will be asked to testify.

S. Con. Res. 23 (Hathaway) Creates a Joint Committee to oversee CIA and other intelligence organizations.

STATUS: Armed Services Committee -- inactive.

S. Res. 419 (Mathias/Mansfield) Creates a Select Committee to study and investigate all domestic and foreign activities of the U.S.

STATUS: Committee on Government Operations -- inactive

S. 1547 (Humphrey) Creates a Joint Committee on National Security to study all aspects of national security policies including the National Security Council.

STATUS: Recently transferred from Armed Services to Government Operations Committee. The bill will probably be the subject of hearings together with S. 4019 above.

IV. Limitations on CIA Covert Action

H. R. 17234 House version of Foreign Assistance Act.

STATUS: Reported out by House Foreign Affairs Committee on 10 October.

EFFECT ON CIA:

A provision bans covert operations in foreign countries except for intelligence collection unless the President finds the operation to be important to the national security and submits a timely report describing the operation to Congress. The report is to be specifically reported to the Foreign Affairs Committees.

V. Amendments to the National Security Act

H. R. 15845 (Nedzi) Amends National Security Act to clarify the role of CIA overseas and domestically.

STATUS: Hearings began 22 July with testimony of DCI.

S. 2597 (Stennis)

Amends National Security Act to clarify the role of CIA overseas and domestically.

STATUS: Senate Armed Services Committee -- inactive.

S. 3767 (Proxmire)

Amends National Security Act to clarify role of CIA overseas and domestically.

STATUS: Senate Armed Services Committee -- inactive

S. 2321 (Cranston)

Limits the term of the DCI

STATUS: Senate Armed Services Committee -- inactive.

EFFECT ON CIA:

Comments objecting were sent to Chairman Stennis 27 April. This bill may very well be affected by the recent passage of another bill which limits the tenure of the Director of the FBI.